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1. DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION IS INVITED TO REFAIR, WHICH SUMMARIZED A SOVIET JANUARY 12 LECTURE REVIEWING CURRENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. PARTICULARLY INTERESTING WAS THE PORTION OF THE LECTURE DEVOTED TO U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS. LECTURES OF THIS KIND, OF COURSE, REFLECT AUTHORITATIVE PROPAGANDA GUIDANCE FOR SOVIET PARTY WORKERS AND CITIZENS. WE HEREBY REPEAT SEGMENT ON U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS FOR INFO OF ADDRESSEES.

2. "SOVIET RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES HAVE A SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE WHICH WAS AGAIN SHOWN AT THE VLADIVOSTOK MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD & BREZHNEV WITH THE AIM OF PROVIDING PERSONAL CONTACT BETWEEN THE TWO LEADERS WAS A FULL SUCCESS. FORD HAS SINCE SPOKEN VERY HIGHLY OF BREZHNEV BOTH AS A PERSON AND AS A SERIOUS LEADER. FORD CALLED BREZHNEV A "VERY PLEASANT PERSON," PERSONABLE AND ABLE. OF COURSE, THE VLADIVOSTOK MEETING WAS SHORT. BUT MUCH WAS DONE. FIRST, FORD GAVE FULL ASSURANCES THAT ALL EXISTING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND USSR WOULD BE CARRIED OUT AND THAT COOPERATION WOULD CONTINUE. "THIS IS A VERY IMPORANT AND SIGNIFICANT DECISION." SECONDLY, THE MEETING PRODUCED FURTHER GUARANTEES AGAINST THE DANGER OF NUCLEAR CONFLICT. THE AGREEMENT ON STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE WEAPONS REAFFIRMED THAT SUCH ARMS NEGOTIATIONS WOULD CONTINUE. IT ALSO INCORPORATED THE IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE THAT THE U.S. WILL NOT SEEK ANY ADVANTAGE IN STRATEGIC ARMS; THE SOVIET LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNION AND THE U.S. WILL HAVE THE SAME NUMBER OF DELIVERY VEHICLES AND MISSILES WITH MULTIPLE WARHEADS.

3. "AS FOR ECONOMIC TIES WITH THE U.S., THEY ARE DEVELOPING "NOT BADLY." THE RECENT YEARS HAVE SEEN A NUMBER OF LARGE DEALS, E.G. CHEMICAL, FERTILIZER COMPLEXES, A LARGE TRUCK PLANT, AND MANY SMALLER AGREEMENTS AS WELL. BUT THERE ARE DIFFICULTIES. AS YOU KNOW, THE CLASS STRUGGLE CONTINUES

DESPITE THE COURSE OF STATE-TO-STATE RELATIONS. THUS, SUPPORTERS OF THE COLD WAR HAVE NOT GONE AWAY. THEY INCLUDE THE MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX, ZIONISTS, REACTIONARY UNIONISTS, AND THE CIA. IN A 1972 U.S.-SOVIET AGREEMENT, THE U.S. OBLIGATED ITSELF TO EXTEND MOST-FAVORED-NATION (MFN) TO THE SOVIET UNION. BUT THE JACKSON AMENDMENT TO THE LEGISLATION(EXPLAINED) COUPLED MFN WITH CHANGES IN SOVIET LAW, WHICH IS INTERFERENCE IN SOVIET INTERNAL AFFAIRS. THIS WENT ON FOR OVER TWO YEARS AND THE TRADE REFORM BILL JUST RECENTLY BECAME LAW. IT GIVES MFN TREATMENT, BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, WITH A NUMBER OF DISCRIMINATORY PROVISIONS. THE GOVERNMENT HAD REACHED A COMPROMISE WITH JACKSON WHICH LET THE PRESIDENT EXTEND MFN, BUT ONLY FOR 1 1/2 YEARS AND SUBJECT TO HIS REPORTING TO CONGRESS ON SOVIET EMIGRATION PRACTICE. THE POSITION OF THE SOVIET UNION IS WELL KNOWN: AS STATED IN GROMYKO'S LETTER TO KISSINGER, SOVIET INTERNAL AFFAIRS ARE NOT THE BUSINESS OF OTHERS. THE SECOND DISCRIMINATORY PROVISION IS THAT THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK CAN GIVE THE SOVIET UNION CREDITS NO GREATER THAN \$300 MILLION OVER A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS. WHY, FOR A GREAT COUNTRY LIKE THE SOVIET UNION, THAT IS MERE KOPEKS. KISSINGER HIMSELF SAID IN A BUSINESS WEEK INTERVIEW THAT THIS WAS A BAD DECISION. BUT THE U.S.-SOVIET AGREEMENTS IN VLADIVOSTOK ARE OF EXTRAORDINARY IMPORTANCE AND OVERALL RELATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP FAVORABLY."

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